

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the Association for Home and Hospice Care of North Carolina, in-home health and hospice care community-based agencies provided health and social needs to approximately 400,000 North Carolina citizens last year; and

WHEREAS, in-home health, hospice and community-based services enable North Carolina's citizens to access a wide variety of quality health and social services, including preventive care, acute care, sustainable long-term care and palliative care; and

WHEREAS, these services are provided by 1,625 agencies including home health, licensed home care, hospice, adult day healthcare, and home medical equipment; and

WHEREAS, in-home health, hospice and community-based services strengthen the family bond and support families as they care for their loved ones at home, lessening caregiver burnout and unnecessary placement in more costly institutional settings; and

WHEREAS, in-home health, hospice and community-based services build upon a strong tradition of care and compassion, striving to keep families intact and responsible while preserving an individual's independence and dignity in the setting of their choice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "**HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Easley".  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.